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1	didn't do but.	1	supervise this particular unit?	S
2	MR. SIMOPOULOS: He said Commonwealth's	2	A Not that I recall. Just basically	
3	Attorney but.	3	investigating crimes of that nature. Not	
4	MR. PURICELLI: Sorry. Commonwealth's	4	necessarily supervision of the unit.	
5	Attorney.	5	Q Was there any specialized training to be a	
6	BY MR. PURICELLI:	6	supervisor?	
7	Q Who was it that called the Commonwealth's	7	A Yes. I've been to a few leadership	
8	Attorney?	8	classes. I don't recall specific dates or times.	
9	A I believe it was Detective Lawson.	9	It's been more than one.	
10	Q And you weren't present for that	10	Q Okay. With respect to the Bush incident,	
11	communication?	11	as I'm going to refer to it, you gave me four	
12	A I don't believe so, sir. I don't recall.	12	categories: Domestic violence, crimes against	
13	Q Do you recall if Lawson made a phone call,	13	children, runaways and missing persons. Were ther	e
14	teletype, letter or how he communicated?	14	any other category activities that you use in that	
15	A I believe it was a phone call.	15	unit?	
16	Q Do you recall anything of what Lawson may	16	A Every once in a while we'll catch	
17	have represented of what he told the Commonwealth's	17	something that doesn't fall neatly into one of those	
18	Attorney?	18	categories.	
19	A I don't recall being privy to that	19	Q Can we agree we'll call that miscellaneous	
20	conversation or the content of it. Just the notes	20	category? Would that be fair for the purposes of	
21	that he made about it that I was able to review.	21	this deposition?	
22	Q Aside from the written notes that we have	22	A Right.	
23	you don't recall anything else him specifically	23	Q You've already identified it as one that	
24	saying or left on the field notes?	24	doesn't fit neatly into one of the other four.	
25	A I don't recall, sir.	25	Would there be any other type of classification of	
	Page 26		would there be any other type of classification of	Dage 28
1		1	activities your unit would look into?	Page 28
2	Q As a result of his communication with the Commonwealth's Attorney did he come back and report	2	activities your unit would look into?	
3			A I'm not sure what you're referring to.	
	to you what he had been instructed or advised?	3	Like sex crimes or something of that nature?	
4	A I believe we spoke about it. He indicated	4	Q I'm just looking to see what you and that	
5	that he had consulted juvenile court, and that it	5	unit principally handle so that I can either exclude	
6	appeared to be a valid order from Pennsylvania.	6	those categories in this deposition and find out	
7	The same was your warming.	7	what you actually focused on.	
8	A Youth and Family Crimes Team.	8	A I'm not sure. Do you want me to enumerate	
9	Q And what is that unit?	9	every sort of crime we investigate?	
10	A You're asking me the composition of it?	10	Q Let's try it this way and see if we can	
11	Q Basically. What is the purpose of the	11	shorten this up. With the Bush incident how would	
12		12	you classify that incident for the purposes of your	
13	A The purpose of the unit is to investigate	13	report in your reporting system?	
14	missing persons, crimes against children, crimes	14	A Ultimately, it's investigated as an	
15	committed by children, domestic violence.	15	abduction.	
16	the same of the same of the same of	16	Q Why was it classified that?	
17	you to work that unit and supervise that unit?	17	A Because of the facts and circumstances	
18	A Yes.	18	that were developed.	
19	Q And was that training to work the unit?	19	Q And what facts did you develop to indicate	
20	A Certain aspects of it: Missing persons,	20	that it was an abduction?	
21	runaways. Domestic violence is an ongoing topic	21	A Person without a valid, a person without	
22	that we discover and service on a regular basis.	22	the legal right legitimately obtained carried three	
23	Crimes against children I've been to conferences	23	children, noncustodial parent, across state lines.	
	for.	24	Q Okay. And were there any other facts	
24	101.		Q Shay, This were there any other facts	

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on to classify David Bush's removal of the children	1	year. The content of the court order that I was
as an abduction?	2	given indicated that she had some nexus with Luzerne
A I'm sure there were other facts.	3	County which was found out to be untrue. She
Q Do they appear in the paperwork?	4	provided the vacate order of the, the order from
A At some point, yes.	5	
Q So I could read them and see what other	6	weapon or firearm being involved. And I believe
7 facts in your missing children's report?	7	there was also some discussion about the location of
8 A (No response.)	8	the children being in Pennsylvania, possible
Q I don't want to make you recall things	9	locations for Mr. Bush where he lived, and that the
that I can read is all I'm saying.		children were with him, and some domestic violence
A There are other facts that are involved in	11	previously that had occurred some years ago between
the case that may not be in here. I'm not saying	12	the two parties: Mr. and former Ms. Bush.
that there's 100 percent everything is written down.	13	Q Anything else?
4 Q Okay. I'm just looking for the facts to	14	A That's all I can recall at this time.
5 have it classified as an abduction. That's all.	15	Q You indicated that she had told you there
6 A I'm not sure I can answer that because I	16	were weapons and a firearm involved?
7 don't know exactly what you're saying.	17	A Possible firearm involved.
MR. SIMOPOULOS: Just clarify or rephrase	18	Q In regards to what?
9 it.	19	A In possessing one and the children being
MR. PURICELLI: Sure. I can rephrase it.	20	afraid of him or something along those lines.
I'll ask it a different way.	21	Q So when she told you about the weapon or
BY MR. PURICELLI:	22	
Q You indicated to us that the Bush matter	23	Or was he using them in some manner that was
we're talking about was classified in your unit as	24	contrary to law?
5 an abduction?	25	MR. SIMOPOULOS: Objection to form.
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A Right.	1	THE WITNESS: (Reviews documents.) That
Q And you've given me some factors and	2	he may be armed with a 45 caliber firearm.
you've indicated there are others possibly why you	3	BY MR. PURICELLI:
d classified this incident as an abduction. Does that	4	Q So the conversation that you had with her,
help you understand what I'm asking about?	5	this was after the children had already been turned
A All right. There's some content of	6	over to Mr. Bush pursuant to a Virginia Court Order?
conversation that I had with the victim, the victim	'	A Sir, what was the question?
being the mother of the children, which was not	8	Q The information that you're telling me,
9 reduced to writing which did have bearing on the	9	the conversation that you had with the mother, this
material facts to whether this would constitute an	10	was occurring after Mr. Bush had left Virginia
abduction.	11	A Yes, sir.
Q Why don't you tell me what she told you.	12	Q with the children pursuant to a
MR. SIMOPOULOS: You're asking why it was	13	Virginia Court Order?
classified as an abduction; right?	14	A Not pursuant to a Virginia Court Order
MR. PURICELLI: Yes. And he's telling me	15	that I know of. It was pursuant to the Pennsylvania
the mother told him some other things other	16	Court Order.
than these. And I have to get it off his mind	17	Q You're not aware that there was a Virginia
right now because apparently he might be able	18	3
to think of others so let's get that off his	19	l a la
mind.	20	
BY MR. PURICELLI:	21	a Virginia Court Order.
the contract of the contract o	22	Q Can you check the file and see if there
2 , ,		
you.	23	was any indication in there that the Virginia Family
		was any indication in there that the Virginia Family Court had authorized Mr. Bush to remove the

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1	A (Reviews documents.) No. There's nothing	1	or the parent from Pennsylvania has a valid court
1	in my file to indicate that Mr. Bush had a valid	2	order?
3	Virginia Court Order.	3	A That
4	Q Okay. What is the policy, if there is a	4	MR. SIMOPOULOS: Objection. Speculation.
110	policy in the police department, for going to any	5	Go ahead.
- 1	schools to pick up children from school and turn	6	THE WITNESS: I'd probably have to get
7 1	them over to a parent who would be from out of	7	some legal advice on that. I would call the
8	state?	8	Commonwealth's Attorney's Office.
9	A You're asking me what the policy is?	9	BY MR. PURICELLI:
.0	Q Yes.	10	Q And in this sort of fact scenario Lawson
.1	A We don't typically deal with that a lot.	11	has already contacted the Commonwealth's Attorney?
2	But what we do interpret is who has the valid right	12	A In this case, yes.
3	to custody of the child. Now, whether you know,	13	Q Did you learn what that advise was from
4	whether they're picking them up from school or	14	the Commonwealth's Attorney?
5	whether they're picking up from another location and	15	A I found out at some point.
6	we're asked to facilitate transfer of children or a	16	Q At what point?
7	child, that's our primary function.	17	A That part I don't recall.
8	Q Were you aware that the Richmond Police	18	Q Was it before or after the warrants was
.9	Department actually were the ones that picked up the	19	issued for Mr. Bush's arrest?
0	children at their school in Richmond, Virginia and	20	A I believe it was prior to custody.
- 1	brought them back to the police station and turned	21	Q Prior to what custody?
2	them over to Mr. Bush?	22	A Prior to custody of the children. I say
3	A Yes, I was.	23	that I'm not certain because I don't remember the
4	Q In that fact scenario what was the policy	24	exact time and date that we discussed it. But for
25	of the police department in turning a child over to	25	us to be involved at that level it would have had to
1	Page 34		Page 3
1	a parent who's from Pennsylvania or out of state?	1	have been on the advice, the pre advice of the
2	A What I was led to believe at the time was	2	Commonwealth's Attorney's Office pre custody, before
3	that we were returning children to an individual who	3	we went and picked up the children and returned them
4	had valid right to custody of them based upon a	4	to Mr. Bush.
- 1	document from out of state which appeared to be	5	Q And the warrants that were issued against
- 1	valid.	6	Mr. Bush occurred after that period of time; is that
7	Q For the purposes of this question let's	7	right?
8	assume that he did not have a valid court order nor	8	A Yes, sir.
- 1	did the mother. Neither had a valid court order for	9	Q So you knew when the warrants were issued
- 1	custody of the children. What rights under your	10	that the Commonwealth's Attorney had instructed the
- 1	training and policy of the police department did	11	Richmond Police to allow Mr. Bush to leave with the
- 1	Mr. Bush have to be with his children?	12	children. Is that true?
.3	MR. SIMOPOULOS: Objection to form.	13	A There were a whole different set of
	BY MR. PURICELLI:	14	circumstances based upon
.5	Q If you understand it you can answer it.	15	Q Answer my question and I'll listen to you.
.6	A I'm not sure I follow what you're asking	16	MR. SIMOPOULOS: Objection to the form.
- 1	me to speculate on.	17	THE WITNESS: Can I get the question one
.8	Q No. I'm not asking you to speculate.	18	more time?
1	Just tell me based on your training and your	19	MR. PURICELLI: Absolutely.
- 1	policies at the police department how police	20	BY MR. PURICELLI: Absolutely.
- 1	officers would handle that matter.	21	Q Is it true that at the time the warrants
22	A If parents are divorced and one from out	22	were issued for Mr. Bush's arrest for abduction of
- 1		23	
- 1	of state wants to come pick up their kid from		these children you and the Richmond Police
	school?	24	Department had received advice from the
25	Q And neither the parent living in Virginia	25	Commonwealth's Attorney to allow him to return to

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1	Pennsylvania with the children?	1	A Yes. And worked with her. I mean, not in	
2	A We received advice from the Commonwealth's	2	the same office or anything but on other cases.	
3	Attorney. It changed again as to what their advice	3	Q Were they cases of similar factual	
4	was at one point in time. By the time that the	4	scenarios we've been discussing in the Bush case?	
5	children were turned over to Mr. Bush, and then the	5	A I don't recall.	
6	advice changed before I obtained the warrants.	6	Q Okay. Who called who?	
7	Q Fair enough. Okay. So at what point in	7	A I don't recall. I probably called her	
8	time did you recontact and I don't mean you	8	though.	
9	personally but was there contact with the	9	Q Okay. And what if anything did you tell	
0	Commonwealth's Attorney? Was it after Mr. Bush had	10	her?	
1	already left the Commonwealth of Virginia?	11	A The facts and circumstances.	
.2	A Yes.	12	Q And those are the facts and circumstances	
.3	Q And why did there become a need to	13	that we've been talking about today?	
.4	recontact the Commonwealth's Attorney?	14	A Yes, sir.	
5	A Because it was determined that the order	15	Q Are there any others that you would have	
.6	was vacated for reasons after he left the	16	told her that we haven't discussed today?	
.7	Commonwealth, that there were some material issues	17	A Not that I recall.	
.8	with the original order that needed to be addressed,	18	Q Okay. And what advice did she give you?	
.9	and that based upon the totality of the	19	A We received advice that there was I say	
20	circumstances constituted abduction.	20	we. Lieutenant Russell and I received advice that	
21	Q And is that a conclusion you personally	21	facts and circumstances could constitute an	
22	reached? Or is that a conclusion reached by another	22	abduction.	
23	person and it was told to you?	23	Q Did she say could or did?	
24	A I was consulted I consulted with the	24	A I don't recall.	
25	Commonwealth's Attorney.	25	Q At the time that you received the advice	
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1	Q You say you, you personally?	1	that there could be an abduction did you tell	
2	A I would say I was in consultation. I was	2	MR. SIMOPOULOS: Objection to form.	
3	part of the conversations with the Commonwealth's	3	MR. PURICELLI: I don't want to say	
4	Attorney's Office.	4	anything incorrect.	
5	Q And was that before or after Serene	5	BY MR. PURICELLI:	
6	provided you with a copy of the vacated Luzerne	6	Q Did she tell you it could be an abduction	
7	County Pennsylvania Court Order?	7	or would be an abduction?	
8	A That was after.	8	MR. SIMOPOULOS: Objection. Asked and	
9	Q Who did you talk to in the Commonwealth's	9	answered.	
10	Attorney's Office?	10		
11	A Mary Langer.	11	Q You can answer that.	
12	Q Did you know her?	12		
13	MR. SIMOPOULOS: Objection to form.	13	used, but there was implication that abduction	
14		14		
15	Q Prior to speaking that date had you had	15		
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17	Mary Langer?	17	write a report that indicated that I called the	
18	A Yes, sir.	18	Commonwealth's Attorney and the following	
19	Q Okay. And how did you know you were	19	information was provided, and the following advice	
20	talking with Mary Langer, what experience?	20		
21	A I recognized her voice.	21	was given? Anything like that?	
22	_	1		
	Q Had you worked with her before or sought	22		
23		23	The state of the s	
24	A Yes.	24	8 8 7 8	
25	Q You sought advice from her?	25	A Yes, I did.	

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1	O Did that training also include notes of to	Page 41	1	Page 43
1	Q Did that training also include notes as to			Q Is that the signature of the person you're
2	information that you received to allow you to		2	describing as Nardella?
3	explain why you took a course of action?		3	A Yes, sir.
4	A Yes.		4	Q And do you recognize that being the
5	Q Is there a reason you don't have that note		5	signature of the magistrate named Nardella?
6	in your file now of that conversation?		6	A I don't know what his signature looks
7	A No. There's no reason. Just went to the		7	like. And it comes up automatically on the warrant.
8	magistrate's office pretty much right from that		8	Or maybe they sign it.
9	phone call.		9	Q Where do you physically go to do this
0	Q I'm going to tell you right off the bat I		10	presentment?
1	don't know about Virginia law and procedure on		11	A It's 200 West Grace Street is where the
2	obtaining warrants. Can you tell me the procedure		12	magistrate's office is. Police Headquarters.
3	that Virginia uses for an officer to obtain a		13	Q Is there more than one magistrate in that
4	warrant of arrest from a magistrate?		14	building?
5	A Well, the officer takes the facts and		15	A Yes, sir.
6	circumstances to the magistrate, appears in person		16	Q How many are there?
7	usually or via teleconferencing to the magistrate,		17	A I don't know how many there are. At least
8	states the facts and circumstances of a particular		18	eight of them.
9	incident, and the magistrate either issues or does		19	Q How did you come to appear before this
0	not issue a warrant based upon those facts and		20	magistrate?
1	circumstances after sworn testimony is provided.		21	A Subsequent to consulting the
2	Q Is the procedure recorded when you appear		22	Commonwealth's Attorney's Office I went downstairs
3	in front of a magistrate? Is it on the record? Is		23	and obtained a warrant after relaying the facts and
4	there an actual writing or document as to what you		24	circumstances to Mr. Nardella.
5	tell the magistrate are the facts and circumstances?		25	Q How did you come to chose among the eight,
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1	A I don't believe so.		1	this particular magistrate?
2	Q So is it you appear in front of the person		2	A That's just who was on duty at the time.
3	yourself, typically you seeking a warrant in this		3	Q When you appeared before him was it during
4	case, and simply tell the person in front of you?		4	regular business hours or was it after hours?
5	A Basically that's how it goes.		5	A Magistrate's hours run 24 hours a day.
6	Q Is it under oath?		6	Q Forgive my ignorance. I know little about
7	A Yes, sir.		7	Virginia law. So you have a magistrate available to
8	Q Was it you who appeared in front of the		8	you 24 hours a day?
9	magistrate to obtain the warrants?		9	A Yes, sir.
0	A Yes, sir.		10	Q Do the magistrates do anything other than
1	Q And what magistrate did you go to?		11	
2	A (Reviews documents.) Looks like		12	A They do bond hearings.
3	Magistrate Nardella. N-A-R-D-E-L-L-A.		13	Q Do they actually do court proceedings
4	Q Have you been in front of this magistrate		14	
5			15	2 200
6	A I believe so.		16	A CONTRACTOR OF THE CONTRACTOR
7	Q Is that the last name?		17	protective orders, emergency protective orders, they
8	A Well, I mean, I'm not sure exactly how you		18	
9			19	Q At the time when you appeared before this
0	Q You're looking at what we've already		20	magistrate were any notes or recordings taken of
1	identified as Adams 2, one of the warrants?		21	what you were telling the judge?
2	A Yes. A box checked, Magistrate.		22	
3	Q And above that appears to be a signature		23	Commission of Commission Commission Commission of the Commission C
4			24	
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1	A Not that I know of.	1	to him on just one occasion. Maybe more. But I
2	Q Was he writing anything when you were	2	don't recall the content of the conversation.
3	appearing in front of him?	3	Q Was the conversation occurring after
4	A I don't recall.	4	Mr. Bush left Virginia with the children but before
5	Q Okay. Did you personally appear in front	5	you obtained the warrants for his arrest?
5	of him?	6	A I don't know. I just don't remember.
7	A Yes, sir.	7	Q Was he the only person you spoke to from
3	Q Okay. Aside from what you told me today	8	Pennsylvania about the Bush matter?
9	were the facts and circumstances did you tell him	9	A I believe so.
)	anything different?	10	Q Did you speak with a Trooper McDermott in
-	A I don't recall. I mean, I don't recall	11	the Montoursville Barracks?
	the exact content of the conversation.	12	
3	Q Did you have a conversation with him	13	The state of the same of the state of the st
Ļ	before giving him the facts and circumstances about	14	8
5	why you were there?	15	,
)	A I don't believe so.	16	A No, I was not. I was being assisted by
	Q Did you have a conversation after	17	
	obtaining the warrants with him about this matter?	18	, and a superior of the superi
	A I believe I just left after I obtained the	19	,, , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
	warrants.	20	Q Are you familiar with what he was doing
	Q Did you have any conversation with him	21	
	after obtaining the warrants about this case?	22	left in regards specifically to the Bush case?
	A I don't believe so. I really don't	23	The state of the s
	recall.	24	The second of th
5	Q Before you went down and obtained the	25	A I remember he was communicating with
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L	warrants had you communicated with anybody from	1	
2	Pennsylvania in regards to obtaining the warrants?	2	
3	A Had I communicated with anybody in	3	Q What did Sergeant Tripp tell you?
L	Pennsylvania before obtaining the warrants?	4	Tradit recan.
5	Q Yes.	5	2 mar ara y ou rom man.
5	A Yes, I believe I did.	6	1 1 Just remember opening to min. I don't
7	a who did you speak with	7	remember what the content of the conversation was.
3	A I believe I spoke with a Sergeant Tripp on	8	2 1 255 ming you cance min non would you hare w
)	one occasion.	9	who to contact?
)	Q Is Sergeant Tripp from the Pennsylvania	10	MR. SIMOPOULOS: Objection to form. You
	State Police?	11	can answer it.
	A Yes, I believe so.	12	
,	Q Do you have any records or notes created	13	ultimately ended up with him on the phone. But
Ļ	or have been created by other people in regards to	14	The contract of the contract of the contract of
	that communication with Sergeant Tripp with the	15	
	Pennsylvania State Police?	16	
	A No, I don't.	17	Q It's not indicated anywhere in your
3	Q Did you contact him or did he contact you?	18	report?
)	A That I don't recall.	19	A I had made a note that I had spoken to
)	Q What was the nature of the communication?	20	Tripp on there's no specific date mentioned, but
	In other words, what information was exchanged?	21	just that I had spoken to him on at least one
	A I don't exactly recall what we were	22	occasion and that was it.
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	speaking about. It was possible I mean, I would	23	Q And this is the note you can't find?
2 3 4	speaking about. It was possible I mean, I would	23	